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SUBJ: IOWA WRITERS' WORKSHOP

1. WRITERS UNION INFORMED US YESTERDAY THERE WILL BE NO ROMANIAN NOMINATIONS THIS YEAR FOR IOWA WRITERS' WORKSHOP. UNION'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LUPAN EXPRESSED HIS "DEEP REGRET" AT GOR DECISION, WHICH MADE IN SPITE OF STRONG UNION SUPPORT FOR PROJECT. HE TERMED DECISION "FINAL", AND WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THERE EVER AGAIN BEING ANY ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS IN IOWA PROGRAM. HE SAID GOR WOULD BE "EXTERMELY" INTERESTED IN SENDING ROMANIAN WRITERS TO THE US FOR SHORTER FACT-FINDING VISITS. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED 30-DAY VISITS AS BEING MORE "POSSIBLE".

2. IN ANOTHER CVONVERSATION WITH VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION, AMBASSDOR WAS TOLD THAT GOR VIEWS ON IOWA PROGRAM WERE ACCURATELY REFLECTED BY DUMITRU POPESCU IN HIS MEETING WITH USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH IN JUNE. ESSENTIALLY, THESE VIEWS WERE THAT GOR WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN WRITERS OTHER THAN IOWA WORKSHOP.

3. ONCE WE HAVE HAD CHANGE TO SORT OUT OUR OWN THOUGHTS ON THIS UNFORTUNATE BUT UNSURPRISING DEVELOPMENT, WE WILL PASS UNCLASSIFIED

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